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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

REQUEST AND COMMENTS

This "Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312" is intended solely to correct clear typographical errors in the claims. The undersigned notes with regret several minor errors in the claim language and respectfully requests correction of the claims as indicated herein. It is believed that all of the proposed amendments are obvious and that there is no change to the scope of any claim.

The only changes are to change the phrase "tensioning mechanism" to --tightening mechanism-- where it appears in independent Claim 1 and its dependent Claims 7, 8, and 10. These are believed to be clearly synonymous phrases. This is an obvious drafting error because Claim 1 mixes the use of these two phrases. Moreover, the description of the preferred embodiment uses the term "tightening mechanism" and all of the other claims that expressly refer to this element consistently refer to the "tightening mechanism."

Independent Claim 12 is proposed to be amended to correct a minor grammatical error, wherein "a tightening mechanism" is erroneously introduced twice. The undersigned proposes to correct the error by changing "a tightening mechanism that is adapted" to "wherein the tightening mechanism is adapted."

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